

REMARKS

Claims 34-53 are pending in this application. Claims 34, 36, 42, 45, and 50 are cancelled herein. Claims 35 and 37 are amended herein. No new matter has been added. Claims 35, 37, 40, 43, 51, and 52 are independent.

The claims have been amended to clarify the issues on appeal. Claims 35 and 37 have each been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the common base claim, claim 34, from which each depends. The scope of claims 35 and 37 has not been changed by the amendments. Independent claims 34 and 50 have been cancelled, along with dependent claims 36, 42, and 45.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed local telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any remaining issues and further to expedite passage of the application to issue, if any further comments, questions or suggestions arise in connection with the application.

Docket No.: 1158.41315CC4
File No.: 3350-05E
Client No.: Ebill E

PATENT

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 01-2135 (1158.41315CC4) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONELLI, TERRY, STOUT & KRAUS, LLP

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sterling W. Chandler", is written over a horizontal line.

Sterling W. Chandler
Registration No. 51,370

1300 N. 17th Street
Suite 1800
Arlington, VA 22209
Telephone: (703) 312-6600
Fax: (703) 312-6666
E-Mail: schandler@antonelli.com
Date: September 28, 2004

SWC